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SUBJECT: NICARAGUA: WIREC WRAP-UP AND PLEDGE REMINDER

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¶1. (U) On April 2 the Nicaraguan Minister of Energy, Emilio Rappacchioli, wrote a letter to the Ambassador to inform us of Nicaragua's WIREC pledges for years 2008 to 2011. The pledges include expanding the percentage of electricity generated from renewable sources from a 2008 base of 27% to 38% by 2011, while promoting the regulatory and legislative framework to ensure this result. An informal translation of Rappacchioli's letter follows in paragraph 3.

¶2. (U) In our response to Rappacchioli, we will inform him of the upcoming regional renewable energy seminars organized under the auspices of the OAS General Assembly's June 2007 Declaration of Panama.

¶3. (SBU) Begin text of informal translation:

Dear Ambassador,
I make reference to your letter of March 25 in regard to the WIREC Conference, which served as a global platform for government and industry leaders to analyze and share information about the benefits of renewable energy, and in which local authorities, companies and civil society from more than 40 countries made significant pledges to take specific action to accelerate the use of said energy.

In consideration of this, we will proceed to incorporate into the WIREC database our national pledges, based upon our 2008-2011 national energy sector strategy.

Likewise, I am informing you of our pledges, which the Ministry of Energy and Mining lists in the following attachment.

My consideration and appreciation.

Regards,
Emilio Rappacchioli B
Minister

Attachment:

Executive Agency: Ministry of Energy and Mines

Principal Objective: To guarantee a secure, reliable and high quality supply of national energy, promoting sustainable environmental development of the energy sector.

With the execution of the 2008-2011 plan to expand energy generation, electric energy generation from renewable energy sources is to increase from a current 27% to 38% by the year 2011. These renewable energies include: geothermal, hydroelectric, biomass and wind.

Promoting the regulatory framework and necessary legislation to ensure the investment climate for the energy sector.

Promoting the use of biofuels as an energy alternative principally for substituting diesel consumption in the transportation sector.

Expected Results:

New generation projects based on renewable sources:

Amayo Wind Project (40MW) - 2008.

San Jacinto Tizate Geothermal Project (66MW) - 2010.

Pantasma Hydroelectric Project (17MW) - 2011.

Larreynaga Hydroelectric Project (17MW) - 2011.

Regulatory framework adapted to national needs - 2008.

Approval of a Biofuels law - 2008.

Area Affected: Nicaragua

End informal translation.

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